

DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

CHARACTER EDUCATION

In May, the Board approved the implementation of the Move This World character education across PreK–12 classrooms. This decision follows a successful pilot and reflects the district's commitment to fostering emotional resilience, communication skills, and overall student well-being. Move This World is an evidence-based platform that uses multimedia tools to help students and educators develop social-emotional skills in a structured, engaging way. The program is designed to be easy to implement and integrates seamlessly into the school day, making it a practical solution.

BEAVER RUN ADDITION

Due to significant growth in pre-kindergarten enrollment since the completion of Beaver Run, along with surplus funds from the school's construction, the Board has approved a two-classroom addition to Beaver Run. The school was initially designed with this future expansion in mind. The proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the School Building Commission. During the April board meeting, the construction documents received approval.

REPLACEMENT FRUITLAND PRIMARY

At the May Special Meeting, the Board approved an amendment to the contract for the construction of a new Fruitland Primary School, following the recommendation of the School Building Commission. The general contractor, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, was previously chosen using a Guaranteed Maximum Price method. Consequently, the amended contract totals \$68,260,000, within budget. Notably, eight of the subcontractors are from Wicomico County, with a total of twenty-three hailing from the Eastern Shore and Lower Delaware region. Groundbreaking will occur this summer.

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Personnel Matters:** At each meeting the Board approves appointment of staff, leaves of absence for medical or to further the staff member's education, promotions, and separations. Since these are personnel related, discussion occurs in a closed session.
- School Vehicle Contract Award to Booker Burton
- Purchase of a Ford Transit 14-passenger multifunction school activity bus
- Contract approval for IT hardware and audio visual supplies/ services: Maryland Education Enterprise Consortium (MEEC)
- Contract approval for mowers and grounds equipment: Hustler Mowers
- Contract approval for office supplies: Staples Office Supplies

Consent Items are non-controversial items voted on at once to streamline meetings. Board members either previously discussed the items or they had the opportunity to in advance.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Our May meeting marked the final gathering for this year's student representatives to the board. I extend my gratitude for their service and monthly updates, wishing them all the best in their future endeavors:

- Bennett – Dayna Tyler
- Mardela – Evelyn Reeder
- Parkside – Julia Gore
- Wicomico – Rumaan Rizwan